

To the Aberdeen Community

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Aberdeen has been a partner with Harford County's Emergency Management and Health Department's regarding COVID-19 issues from since the beginning. As we all know, COVID-19 is an extremely fluid issue, with changes occurring virtually every hour of the day. The Aberdeen City Council and Staff have and will continue to do our utmost to address the safety and health concerns of our community. In that context, while abundantly obvious, I underscore every message issued by subject matter experts and health professional . . . remain vigilant to changing conditions, take proactive steps to avoid exposure and above all remain calm.

There volumes of information out there about handwashing, sanitizing, covering your cough, social distancing and other measures to prevent contact with the virus. Rather than repeating much of the same, this letter refers you directly to the sites we believe are the most informative, locally useful and up-to-date. The hyperlinks immediately connect you to the sources we at City Hall are using as guidance. These will also be shared in our forms of social media, Facebook and the Aberdeen Advocate Enews Letter. Likewise the Aberdeen Police Department will have the same links prominently outlined on their Facebook page.

For data and locations of COVID-19 cases: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html/> (click on the "US" for state by state information)

For State of Maryland information: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/> (click on Harford County for local information)

For Harford County information: <https://harfordcountyhealth.com/coronavirus/> [For real time updates via the phone, you can call 211 and hit option 3.](#)

We are actively following guidance/directives issued at the federal level along with the Governor, County Executive and Harford County's Health Officer. Additionally we are also routinely conferring and coordinating with the City Administrators of Havre-d-Grace, Belair and the Garrison Commander at Aberdeen Proving Ground. It's a team effort.

In conclusion, be mindful of yourself and others and exercise common sense. The City of Aberdeen's Point of Contact is Mr. Robert Hartsock, Risk and Safety Manager, (410) 272-1600 (ext. 210), or by email, rhartsock@aberdeennmd.gov

Most Respectfully,

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